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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

MCLUCAS

REF: BELGRADE 22205

1. SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, DR. JOHN L. MCLUCAS, IS PLANNING TO VISIT SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOLLOWING ATTENDANCE AT THE INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE EXHIBITION AT LE BOURGET AIRPORT, PARIS, JUNE 5-8.
2. AS FOLLOWUP TO AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH AMBASSADOR GRANFIL CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN USAF AND ITS YUGOSLAV COUNTER-PART , DR. MCLUCAS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BRIEF STOP IN BELGRADE. (TENTATIVE ITINERARY ENVISIONS ARRIVAL IN BELGRADE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 9 AND DEPARTURE MORNING OF JUNE 11.) IF VISIT TRANSPIRES, DR. MCLUCAS DESIRES TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE GOY OFFICIALS.

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3. BEGIN FYI: WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS

BRIEF VISIT WOULD REPLACE USAF DELEGATION VISIT ALREADY
BEING PLANNED FOR LATER THIS YEAR AS RETURN VISIT FOR
YUGOSLAV AIR FORCE TEAM VISIT OF SEPTEMBER 1973. IF JUNE

VISIT BY DR. MCLUCAS TAKES PLACE, USAF DELEGATION VISIT
WOULD PROBABLY BE DELAYED FROM CURRENTLY PLANNED
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER TIME FRAME. END FYI.

4. IF EMBASSY CONCURS WITH PROPOSED VISIT, IT SHOULD
APPROACH YUGOSLAVS SOONEST TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY
OF VISIT AND DATES. INGERSOLL

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